

Brief Biography of Preston J. Moore,
Newly Elected Commander of the American Legion

Preston J. Moore is 38 years of age. He is from Stillwater, Oklahoma where he is a member of the law firm of Moore and Murphy. He is a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. As the new Commander of the American Legion he succeeds Brig. Gen. John S. Gleason, Jr. of Winnetka, Illinois. Moore was elected on the first ballot over two other candidates at the 40th National Convention in Chicago. He has been active in Legion affairs since the end of World War II. He served in the Southwest Pacific with the 5th Bombardment Group. He enlisted as a Private in the Infantry in 1941 and received his commission from Officer's Candidate School.

Moore attended Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. He was graduated from the University of Oklahoma. His father was a disabled World War I veteran who died some time ago.

Moore was the first World War II veteran to be elected the Oklahoma State Legion commander in 1948. He was national executive committeeman from Oklahoma to the Legion from 1955 to 1958.

He is married and the father of two sons. He is a Methodist, a 32nd Degree Mason and is active in Boy Scouts and YMCA work.

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Mr. Preston J. Moore
National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Commander Moore:

I have just returned from an overseas tour which explains the delay in writing to congratulate you and send you all my best wishes on your election as National Commander of the American Legion.

I wish to extend to you the assurance of the cooperation of this Agency in any matters where our foreign intelligence work affects national security problems of interest to the Legion. It has been my pleasure to know and cooperate with your predecessors, and I look forward to meeting you at the earliest possible opportunity.

Mr. William Hauck has promised to let me know when you will next be in Washington so that if you have the time, we can then get together.

Faithfully yours,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Mr. Preston J. Moore
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have just returned from an overseas tour and learned that during my absence you were elected National Commander of the American Legion at its 40th Convention in Chicago, Illinois. My congratulations to you and to the Legion.

In the past I have written to your predecessors offering them the cooperation of this Agency in matters pertaining to the national security. I should like to assure you of the same cooperation as you begin your term of office in this most honored and important position.

Mr. William Hauck has informed me that on your next visit to Washington he will let me know so that we may get together and discuss problems concerning national security that may be of mutual interest to this Agency and to the American Legion.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Stan Grogan advises that there is "no rank in the American Legion" other than the Commander, who is habitually addressed as Commander.

As a matter of interest, the American Legion people here do not have any information as to whether Commander Moore was an officer during World War II, and if so, whether he retained a Reserve commission -- which they doubt.



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